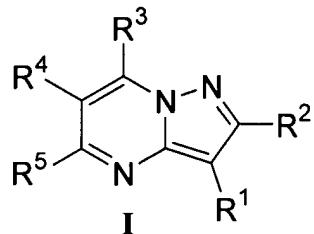


In the Claims

Cancel claims 1-17, 19, 30 and 31 and replace them with new claims 37-45

37(New). A compound of Formula I



wherein

a and b are independently 0 or 1;

m is independently 0,1 or 2;

R¹ is:

- 1) C₂-C₆ alkanyl,
- 2) C₂-C₆ alkynyl,
- 3) C₁-C₈ alkyl,
- 4) (C=O)NR^aR^b,
- 5) (C=O)RC,
- 6) (C=O)ORC, or
- 7) heterocyclyl, said heterocyclyl is substituted with at least one substituent selected from:
 - a) C₀-C₆ alkyl-(C=O)NR^aR^b,
 - b) C₀-C₆ alkyl-SO_mRd,
 - c) C₀-C₆ alkyl-CO₂RC,
 - d) C₁-C₆ alkyl-ORC,
 - e) C₁-C₆ alkyl-NR^aR^b, and
 - f) C₀-C₆ alkyl-(C=O)-C₀-C₆ alkyl-ORC;

R², R³ and R⁵ are hydrogen;

R⁴ is selected from:

- 1) C₆-10 aryl,

2) C₅-10 heterocyclyl,
said aryl and heterocyclyl optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from R^b;

R^a and R^b independently are independently selected from:

- 1) H,
- 2) C₁-C₆ alkyl,
- 3) C₂-C₆ alkenyl,
- 4) C₂-C₆ alkynyl,
- 5) C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl,
- 6) C₆-10 aryl,
- 7) C₅-10 heterocyclyl,
- 8) C₀-C₆ alkyl-(C=O)NR^aR^b,
- 9) C₀-C₆ alkyl-SO_mR^d,
- 10) C₀-C₆ alkyl-CO₂R^c,
- 11) C₀-C₆ alkyl-OR^c,
- 12) C₀-C₆ alkyl-NR^aR^b, and
- 13) C₀-C₆ alkyl-(C=O)-C₀-C₆ alkyl-OR^c,

said alkyl, aryl and heterocyclyl are optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from R^d;

R^c independently is:

- 1) H,
- 2) Unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆ alkyl,
- 3) Unsubstituted or substituted C₂-C₆ alkenyl,
- 4) Unsubstituted or substituted C₂-C₆ alkynyl,
- 5) Unsubstituted or substituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl,
- 6) Unsubstituted or substituted C₆-10 aryl, or
- 7) Unsubstituted or substituted C₅-10 heterocyclyl;

said substitution being at least one substituent selected from R^b;

R^d independently is:

- 1) Unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆ alkyl,
- 2) Unsubstituted or substituted C₂-C₆ alkenyl,
- 3) Unsubstituted or substituted C₂-C₆ alkynyl,

4) Unsubstituted or substituted C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl,
5) Unsubstituted or substituted C₆-10 aryl, or
6) Unsubstituted or substituted C₅-10 heterocycl;
said substitution being at least one substituent selected from R^b;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

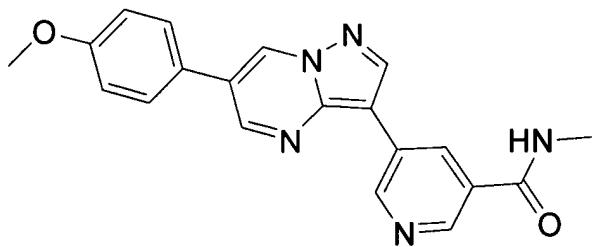
38(New). The compound of claim 37, wherein R⁴ is aryl, which is optionally substituted with at least one substituent selected from R^b; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

39(New). A compound selected from:

6-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;
6-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid;
6-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-3-carboxylic acid amide;
6-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-3-carbonitrile;
ethyl 5-[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-yl]nicotinate;
5-[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-yl]-N-methylnicotinamide;
N-ethyl-5-[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-yl]nicotinamide;
N-cyclopropyl-5-[6-(4-methoxyphenyl) pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-yl] nicotinamide;
5-[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrazolo[1,5-a] pyrimidin-3-yl]-N-propylnicotinamide;
5-[6-(3-methoxyphenyl)pyrazolo[1,5-a] pyrimidin-3-yl]-N-methylnicotinamide;
N-ethyl-5-[6-(3-methoxyphenyl)pyrazolo [1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-yl]nicotinamide;
5-[6-(3-methoxyphenyl)pyrazolo[1,5-a] pyrimidin-3-yl]-N-propylnicotinamide;
N-cyclopropyl-5-(6-pyridin-4-ylpyrazolo [1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-yl)nicotinamide;
N-propyl-5-(6-pyridin-4-ylpyrazolo[1,5-a] pyrimidin-3-yl)nicotinamide;

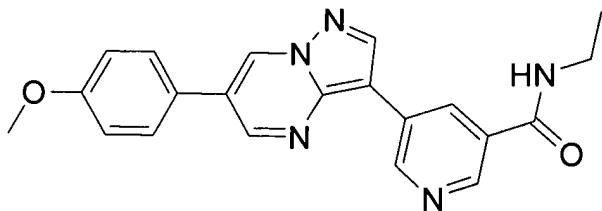
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

40(New). The compound according to claim 39 selected from:
5-[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-yl]-N-methylnicotinamide



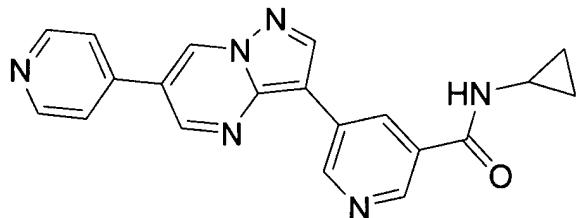
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

41(New). The compound according to claim 39 selected from:
N-ethyl-5-[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-yl]nicotinamide



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

42(New). The compound according to claim 39 selected from:
N-cyclopropyl-5-(6-pyridin-4-ylpyrazolo [1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-yl)nicotinamide



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

43(New). A pharmaceutical composition which is comprised of a compound in accordance with claim 37 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.